

FOSTER SLAMS DEFENSE DAY AND GEN. DAWES

Cal's Head Like Wall Street Dictaphone

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That the Communists are the only real opponents of capitalist war, and its consequent slaughter of the workers, was amply demonstrated at the enthusiastic gatherings just held for our presidential candidate, William Z. Foster, in the cities of Elizabeth and Newark, New Jersey.

Both of these meetings held just preceding Coolidge's Defense Day aroused great interest and crystalized the anti-capitalist war sentiment in both of these places. The "democratic" government of New Jersey was well represented at both of these meetings by large details of police.

Foster was in fine trim, especially at the Elizabeth meeting, he flayed Coolidge and his "Defense" Day. He said: "Coolidge's quick change of front in calling the original Mobilization Day, Defense Day, illustrates the calibre of the man. His one-cylinder intellect responds only to the wishes, dictates and desires of his Wall Street masters.

"Why all the mobilization for 'Defense?' Defense against whom? Where is the great and powerful enemy with battleships, poison gas and armies, to attack the United States? Separated as we are from both Europe and the Orient by thousands of miles of ocean. The 'enemy' whom Coolidge wants to mobilize against are primarily the workers of America.

"This great display of military force has several objects. To overawe and intimidate the workers at home, to prepare for the slaughter that will result from a war precipitated by the backers of Coolidge and Dawes, to collect the debts of these American imperialists; or a war caused by their ruthless struggle for supremacy in the world markets. This whole scheme is symbolized in the person of Dawes the running mate of Coolidge. This so-called warrior, who never fired a shot, and who stayed safely far behind the lines in the last world war, is a Brigadier General.

"The only war he fights in is a class war for his own class, the capitalist class. He "fights," surrounded by comfort in luxury with an attempted use of hardboiled language, against the reds and organized labor. In Illinois this cross roads capitalist hero organized the Minute Men of the Constitution.

Dawes, Financial Tool.

"One of their chief objects is to fight the 'red menace' and to protect scabs. Banker Dawes, president of the Illinois Trust Company, is an unscrupulous and demagogic champion of the financial oligarchy which owns the United States government. The plan which bears his name and which is administered by Owen D. Young, another agent of Morgan, will enslave to American Imperialism millions of German workers. This American receivership will require the use of terrific force to fasten the collar of American gold around the throats of the German workers; just the kind of capitalist force that you are asked to glorify in the present Mobilization Day. The next international imperialist war is the war of "Defense" which Coolidge and Dawes are attempting to rally the American workers to.

"All the talk about the yellow menace and the question of Japanese immigration are false issues. The real issue behind this political smoke-screen is the struggle of American imperialism for the markets of Asia and the domination of the Pacific."

Foster dealt in an equally virile and ruthless manner with the other candidates, Davis and LaFollette. He said: "Davis may come from West Virginia, but it is a long time ago. He is "from" West Virginia all right. Part of the

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money which enables him to own and occupy that great palace he calls his home at Locust Valley, Long Island, comes from the non-union coal operators of West Virginia and the rest of his fortune comes from J. P. Morgan, and other Wall Street financial pirates.

"As for LaFollette he says he will "bust" the trusts. You New Jersey workers know very well that the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, is stronger and wealthier than ever. It is more unscrupulous toward its workers than at any time in its history. You know that the Standard Oil was to be broken up by the Sherman anti-trust law. A law proposed by Sherman, the former friend of LaFollette. No laws of this kind, which LaFollette at this late day proposes, can be enforced.

Abolition of Capitalism.

"Neither by LaFollette's middleclass business men nor by his labor skate followers, as long as capitalism continues or as long as Wall street continues to own the government at Washington. The Workers Party stands like a rock against this whole capitalist combination. Coolidge, Davis and LaFollette. We stand for Communism; the abolition of the capitalist system; the organization of Soviets and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The meeting at Elizabeth was remarkable. A large audience sat in rapt attention for almost two hours listening to Foster. They repeatedly broke in on him with loud applause. A large number of tickets were sold, admission was charged and in addition a collection of almost two hundred dollars was taken up. On the following night an equally successful meeting was held. There also a large detail of police watched over the meeting. Apparently the New Jersey "democratic" government wants to overawe the rising militant spirit amongst the workers. These two meetings just held in New Jersey point toward a bright future for the Communist movement in that state.